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INDICTMENT REPLACES COMPLAINT IN SETTING OF BRAY FIRE AND GIRL FIRE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on July 18, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a two count indictment against STUART JASON ORR, D.O.B. 4/8/81, who was residing at Boy Scout Camp Geronimo, Gila County, Arizona. ORR had been charged by Criminal Complaint on June 24, 2002, with starting two fires, the Bray Fire on June 20th and the Girl Fire on June 22nd within the Tonto National Forest. According to court testimony, ORR, an Eagle Scout, had concluded his studies at Yavapai College in Prescott and was spending the summer as a counselor at Camp Geronimo. ORR remains in custody pending trial.

The federal indictment charges ORR with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1855 for each fire. A conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on each of the two counts.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by a Special Agent of the United States Forest Service, Tonto National Forest.

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The prosecution is being handled by Roger Dokken, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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